

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 273

By Hazlewood

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Sharon Braden on being named a 2017 Woman of Distinction.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those citizens who, through their extraordinary efforts, have distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy individual is Sharon Braden, who has been selected to receive the American Lung Association of Tennessee's 2017 Woman of Distinction Award; and

WHEREAS, this prestigious honor is given to women in the Chattanooga community who have distinguished themselves and made a difference in the lives of people every day through their professional accomplishments, volunteer service, and philanthropic activities; and

WHEREAS, Sharon Braden is the regional business development manager for Thompson Engineering in Chattanooga; and

WHEREAS, a graduate of Leadership Chattanooga, Ms. Braden was honored with the 2016 Girls Inc. UnBought and UnBossed award for her mentorship of a Chattanooga Girls Leadership Academy student; and

WHEREAS, an avid supporter of her community, she is the youth director at Providence Baptist Church and serves on the Executive Leadership Team for the American Heart Association's 2017 Go Red For Women campaign, the American Red Cross Board of Directors, the Parent Council for McCallie School, the City of Chattanooga Development Advisory Committee, and the Tennessee American Water Company Community Advisory Board; and

WHEREAS, a devoted wife and mother, Sharon Braden enjoys the love and support of her husband, Sam, and their sons, Caleb and Jacob; and

WHEREAS, the success of the State of Tennessee, the strength of our communities, and the overall vitality of our society depend, in great measure, on the dedication of people such as Sharon Braden who use their considerable talents and resources to serve others; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby congratulate Sharon Braden on being named a 2017 Woman of Distinction by the American Lung Association of Tennessee and extend to her our best wishes for much continued success in every future endeavor.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.